

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4322
ANSWERED ON:22.12.2005
CONSTRUCTION OF ROHTANG TUNNEL
Singh Smt. Pratibha

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

to the reply given to Starred Question No. 26 dated December 2, 2004 regarding construction of tunnel and state:

- (a) whether the global tenders for construction of tunnel at Rohtang Pass in Himachal Pradesh have been invited;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the agency to which contract has been awarded;
- (d) the time by which the construction work is likely to start; and
- (e) if not, the reasons for delay in inviting the global tenders?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (e): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4322 FOR ANSWER ON 22.12.2005.

Global tendering for the design consultancy and construction supervision for the Rohtang Tunnel Project has been invited and several parties have come forward with an Expression of Interest. These offers are under evaluation. Only after the design for the Tunnel is finalized can the global tenders for construction of the tunnel be floated.